

Berliner, Robert W.

Robert W. Berliner (1915–2002)

Robert Berliner, M.D., an eminent renal physiologist, helped establish early concepts of how potassium, sodium, hydrogen and water are transported by the kidney. He was recruited from Columbia University to NIH National Heart Institute in 1950 and became NIH Director of Laboratories and Clinics in 1968. Dr. Berliner was elected to the National Academy of Science in 1968. He left the NIH in 1973 to become dean of the Yale School of Medicine.

The Office of NIH History and Stetten Museum has gathered the following growing list of resources concerning Dr. Berliner:

Berliner's Own Reflections

- [Article in conjunction with Gerhard Giebisch on the history of renal science in American Journal of Nephrology, 1999](#) (PDF, 118 kB)
- [Article on the purpose of medical school in the journal Bulletin of the New York Academy of Science, 1984](#) (PDF, 1.1 mB)
- [Letter to the editor of Science about funding in medical schools, 1979](#) (PDF, 1.8 mB)
- [Article in conjunction with Samuel Thier on policymaking in science in New England Journal of Medicine, 1978](#) (PDF, 542 kB)
- [Article on the relationship between science and medicine in the journal Archives of Internal Medicine, 1970](#) (PDF, 511 kB)
- [Article in conjunction with William H. Stewart on public health in heart diseases in American Journal of Public Health Nations Health, 1957](#) (PDF, 752)

NIH Publications

- [Biography as part of AMINCO-Bowman SPF online exhibit, Stetten Museum, 2005](#) (PDF, 88 kB)
- [Tribute in NIH Record, 2002](#) (PDF, 111 kB)
- [Announcement of appointment to Labs and Clinics in NIH Record, 1968](#) (PDF, 14 mB)
- [Announcement of appointment to National Heart Institute in NIH Record, 1950](#) (PDF,)

Journal Publications

- [Obituary by Rex Jamison in Kidney International, 1987](#), (PDF, 495 kB)

Non-Journal Publications

- [Biographical memoir from the National Academy of Science, 2008](#) (PDF, 155 kB)
- [Tribute in YaleNews, 2006](#) (PDF, 290 kB)
- [Obituary in New York Times, 2002](#) (PDF, 284 kB)
- [Announcement of death in Yale Daily News, 2002](#) (PDF, 200 kB)



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